

Spiritual Warfare: The Frontier of Spiritual Warfare

Introduction: This is the last lesson in this series on Spiritual Warfare. As we think about closing out this series, we come to the last topic that is of great importance.

Where are we headed?

We can answer that question by looking at **The Frontier of Spiritual Warfare**.

This subject is of **great significance** for us individually, as a local church body, and even as the body of Christ. This significant facet of doctrine compels us even as the love of Christ constrains us.

The Bible declares to us that there is the Frontier of Spiritual Warfare.

The Bible tells us of this frontier in **Hebrews chapter 11**.

*“13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, **but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 **But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly:** wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.”*

I. The Coming Lord (Matthew 25:14-30)

This revelation of truth began with a remark from the disciples in **Matthew chapter 24**.

Jesus and the disciples were leaving the Temple after the Lord had just denounced the Scribes, Pharisees, and Hypocrites in **chapter 23**. Seven times in chapter 23, the Lord used this phrase, *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites”* (**23:13, 14,15,23,25,27,29**)

When we come to **chapter 24**, it is astounding because it is almost as if the disciples did not understand all that was said in **chapter 23**.

And to their shock, the Lord replies, *“See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”*

And the disciples, at the shock of this, ask the Lord three questions which the Lord answers. They ask, “When shall these things be?” Then they asked, “What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

“14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.”

“19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.”

I want you to hang onto that phrase, the Lord of those servants cometh...

The Bible says in **I Thessalonians 4:16-18**, *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

The Bible teaches us not that the King is coming tomorrow. The Bible teaches us that the King is coming! He is coming to receive us unto Himself.

II. The Coming Judgment (II Corinthians 5:1-11)

I want you to understand that all of this is on the horizon. All of this is what is ahead; it is the frontier of Spiritual Warfare.

Romans 14:11 -12*“11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**”*

And I think to myself, there off on the horizon is a point in time when I will see my Lord Jesus Christ face to face. In this meeting, there will be a coming time of judgment. I can rejoice because all of my sin has been dealt with because of the shed blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

But what about my service to the Lord? What about my dealings with others? How will these things pass through His trying furnace?

Notice with me this passage in **II Corinthians chapter 5**.

*“10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**”*

The Bible tells us of this revealing fire of judgment in **I Corinthians 3:13**

*“13 **Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.**”*

All that’s taken place from the time of my Salvation till the time He takes me home will be proved by fire. What will come out on the other side? Will I receive a reward? Will I suffer loss? Just as we look at the frontier and see the **Coming of Christ**, we consequently see the **Coming of the Judgement Seat of Christ**.

III. The Coming Eternity (Revelation 22)

Please turn with me to **Revelation 22**.

The **frontier before all of us is eternity**. All of this that we know and experience in this world today will be different. This is the frontier of Spiritual Warfare.

A great deal of time and attention has been put into understanding our present estate and how to deal with spiritual warfare. There is much that will be coming our way in the coming weeks, months and years no doubt, but there on the frontier, out past all of this is:

The Coming Christ

The Coming Judgement

The Coming Eternity